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Members of the Calgary police's Tactical Unit escort a 25-year-old man out of A.E. Cross Junior High School after he allegedly held the school's secretary hostage for over two hours.

# Hostage-taking ends peacefully at school

Former A.E. Cross student disgruntled over old injury: Police

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**Upset over an old injury, a 25-year-old former A.E. Cross Junior High School student allegedly held a school secretary at knife-point for almost two hours Thursday, according to police.**

Police say the hostage situation at the southwest school ended when the suspect was handed a bottle of water, but for two hours parents, police and students were on edge — especially as a 13-year-old student hid in the office, un-

knownst to the suspect.

"The tactical negotiator, backed up by the negotiating team, managed to negotiate with the suspect to release the hostage in exchange for a bottle of water," said Duty Insp. Frank Reuser.

Reuser said students were evacuated from the school gym, where a pep rally with Carolyn Darbyshire, a silver medallist with the Olympic women's curling team, was taking place just before 2:30 p.m. Students were taken to nearby Glenbrook School.

"Apparently, (the suspect) suffered an injury some

years back. He is blaming the principal for that injury and now he wants to talk to that principal," Reuser said while on scene.

Sapphire Lucas, whose 15-year-old daughter Sydney goes to A.E. Cross, said she wasn't too worried until she drove by the school and saw police and ambulances standing by.

"Until I saw that I was fine," she said.

Lucas praised the school for its response to the incident, saying staff did "amazingly well" in making sure everyone was safe and parents were notified.

Sydney said she was

"kind of rattled by everything."

The tactical team led the handcuffed suspect out the front doors around 4 p.m. and Reuser said no one was harmed.

David Stevenson, the Calgary Board of Education's deputy chief superintendent, said the students followed emergency procedures confidently.

"Our emergency process worked well and our commitment to student and staff safety remains paramount. As is standard procedure, we are reviewing this situation," he said in a statement.

## Foster care death ruled homicide

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**CRIME** RCMP investigating the death of a 21-month-old Morinville-area girl in foster care are now calling the death a homicide.

Morinville RCMP are being assisted by investigators from the RCMP Edmonton Major Crimes branch while Children and Youth Services conduct their own investigation. No charges have been laid.

It's the latest in a string of recent foster care incidents dating back to January 2009, when an Edmonton woman was charged in the death of a four-year-old in her care.

In August 2009, another Edmonton foster parent was convicted of manslaughter in the death of a baby in her care.

In February of this year, Calgary foster parent Gary Prokopishin was charged with sexual offences against teenagers living in his home.

Stuart Elson of Children and Youth Services said the death has prompted Minister Yvonne Fritz to call for an immediate investigation.

Elson also pointed out that a review of the system is already underway to identify changes or improvements that need to be made.

The death sparked calls for a public inquiry into the child welfare system from NDP Leader Brian Mason.

"An inquiry would give us valuable solutions to these problems," Mason said.

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## Scramble for tunnel solution

### Alderman seeks support for meeting with airport authority

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**You could call it a tunnel vision.**

Still, one city alderman is focused on finding an airport tunnel solution before it's too late.

Ward 3 Ald. Jim Stevenson will urge his council colleagues to support meeting with the Calgary Airport Authority to discuss further tunnel funding options after Monday's last-ditch efforts to save the roadway fell flat. That's when the province reiterated it's position of no additional infrastructure funding.

"There are a number of options we can talk about, but first we need to get to the table face-to-face," Stevenson said.

Stevenson needs 10 council members to support the motion and is hopeful they will agree.

"This is very serious for the city and there are con-



The planned construction of a new airport runway will permanently close part of Barlow Trail.

**"There are a number of options we can talk about, but first we need to get to the table face-to-face."**

Ald. Jim Stevenson

sequences if we can't get this done. We want the airport authority to know this

is a priority for the city," he said.

Despite the setbacks, Grant Galpin, spokesperson for the Airport Trail Access Committee, believes other options are available, including a public/private partnership.

"Or maybe there is the option for a toll road, and I have seen some support for that from the business sector. I just think the

stumbling block is getting the people to the table to discuss the options," Galpin said.

Tammy Forbes of Alberta Transportation said the city receives provincial funding for road projects, and it must determine which projects are priorities. She confirmed no additional money would be made available for the airport tunnel.

## City to look at expanding ID options at polls

APRIL STUART  
for Metro Calgary

**VOTING** Increasing ways for people to identify themselves at voting booths could help boost the number of Calgaryans hitting the polls.

Currently, 12 types of identification are accepted at voting stations, but if a bylaw presented Monday at council is passed, there



Brian Pincott

said Ald. Brian Pincott, adding that limiting barriers to voting is essential for higher turnouts.

Pincott also pointed out

will be 35 acceptable forms of identification.

"Anything that makes it easier to vote, I think it's great,"

that having a system in place where the homeless can vote with a wider range of identification is important.

But one city political instructor doesn't think the changes will have voters lining up at polling stations.

"It's not going to have a huge impact on voter turnout. It's a nice idea but I don't think it's going to lead to a big swing," said

Duane Bratt of Mount Royal University.

Improving voter turnout can be done other ways, said Bratt, including having enumerators.

"I've always viewed the enumerators as playing a socialization process by going door to door," he said.

Extending the amount of time that the polls are open to vote is another way to increase numbers, he said.

## Voters elect new chief of U of C Students' Union

**ELECTION** Lauren Webber will lead the University of Calgary Students' Union, winning with 53 per cent of the vote in yesterday's election.

Alyssa Stacy will take over as the new VP academic, Hardave Birk as VP external, James Delaney as VP operations and finance, Jennifer Abbot as VP student life and Kay She as the new board of governors representative.

Kat Lord and Meg Martin will be the two senate reps.

Just over 3,800 students voted.

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The seizure of 15.5 kilograms of methamphetamine in Edmonton by the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT), has officials concerned the market for the drug is re-emerging. "We are paying particular attention to this spike. We are making plans in order to respond," ALERT Insp. Kevin Galvin said. **METRO CALGARY**

## News in brief

**EVACUATION** Seventy-five workers and contractors were evacuated yesterday morning at Bonnybrook wastewater treatment plant due to a chlorine leak. Several hours went by before the area was aired out, no one was reported hurt in the incident. Firefighters in full-encapsulated suits were at the site dealing with the small leak.

**SIMULATOR** Calgary police will demonstrate a rollover simulator today to promote seatbelt awareness. The simulator will show what happens to a person not wearing a restraint in a rollover collision. Traffic officers will be near the

Olympic Oval on Stephen Avenue speaking about traffic safety.

**PRIZE** Sally Armstrong, award-winning author, human rights activist, and documentary filmmaker has won the Calgary Peace Prize. "Sally has shown great courage and insight by sharing their stories, giving voice to their experiences and championing the need for education and development as foundations for peace," said program manager Kelly Dowdell. The Calgary Peace Prize award ceremony will be held on March 23.

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# Market's splinter cell

Farmer's Market vendors move out on their own

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"Make it, bake it, or grow it."

That's the theme of a tentatively planned farmers market two men are planning for the city to serve a niche they say isn't being met right now with the city's current markets, according to Gert Lund of Lund Organic Farms.

"Our market intends to focus on locally grown food from local producers and we think that's something that's missing right now. We think we can provide producers and the public with that service," Lund said.

Lund and future business partner Tim Hoven are currently both in the Calgary Farmer's Market but their leases run up on Nov. 30, when the embattled market moves into a new site.

The pair secured a location, the former Shaganapi car dealership at 77th Avenue and Macleod Trail, and is currently seeking a devel-



The new offshoot of Farmer's Market is hoping to open up shop on Macleod Trail later this spring.

opment permit from the city. They hope to have an outdoor market by June and an indoor market by Thanksgiving.

"We think we have a really great business model that will make it possible for smaller producers to get in the market," Lund said.

## CPS official a victim of ID theft

**CRIME** Identity theft. If it can happen to an employee of the Calgary Police Service, it can happen to anyone. CPS media specialist Michelle Dassinger was shocked when a woman called her asking about a job posting on Kijiji; she never posted a job, nor gave out her email or phone number, but someone did. "After speaking with this woman who said I emailed her and gave her my information, I called Kijiji and found out they already red flagged the person using my information for suspected fraudulent activities," Dassinger said.

More concerning to Dassinger is the motive behind the suspected identity theft. "I may never know but I learned a lot of things in this process about how to protect myself."

Dassinger said people should remain cautious about information they share online.

This week is online safety week.

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**'Responsible' Kenney sparks a mystery**

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says he takes "full responsibility" for a citizenship guide that had references to gay rights removed. But he didn't say who ordered it. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Canada

## Jim'll pay later

Federal budget delays the tough decisions

**Hard decisions on wrestling a monstrous deficit have been punted one year down the road by a Conservative budget that promises dramatic future cuts, but leaves the punishing ground game for later.**

Total federal spending in 2010-11, including debt charges, will hit \$280.5 billion — up almost \$13 billion over the fiscal year that ends March 31.

Program spending is projected to plunge almost \$8 billion in 2011-12 before rebounding slightly the following year.

"We can see our destination on the horizon," Finance

Minister Jim Flaherty told the House of Commons, conjuring images of a future flat line.

The budget forecasts a deficit of \$53.8 billion this year, down slightly from the most recent \$56-billion



Jim Flaherty on Thursday.

projection.

Flaherty says deficits will plunge dramatically after that, falling to a modest \$1.8-billion budgetary shortfall in 2014-15.

But by then, the total federal debt is projected to hit \$622 billion — up \$136 billion from the \$486 billion on the books in 2006.

Flaherty said there are fewer new spending measures than in any federal budget in the last decade.

Flaherty need not worry about the government's defeat. Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said he doesn't support the spending plan, but also won't force a spring election over it.

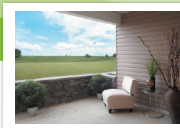
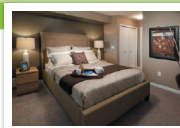
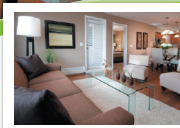
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### Federal Budget

### The highlights: What Thursday's federal budget means to you

- Total spending \$280.5 billion, up \$12.8 billion.
- Deficit of \$49.2 billion.
- Total debt rises to \$566.7 billion.
- Basic personal income-tax exemption for 2010 rises to \$10,382.
- \$3.2 billion in personal income-tax relief, largely through raising the basic personal tax exemption and higher child benefits for parents.
- Plan to reduce the deficit to \$1.8 billion by 2014-15, largely by ending stimulus funding next year and restraining program spending.
- \$7.7 billion in stimulus money for infrastructure.
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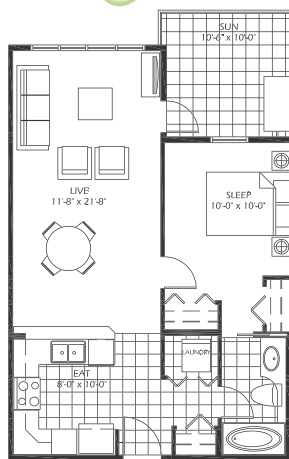


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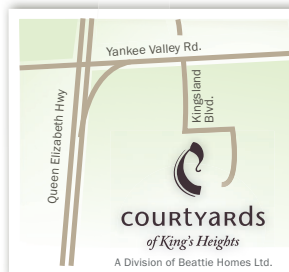
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## Network to air Dugard home video

ABC says it will air home video Friday of kidnapping victim Jaycee Dugard, who was rescued last August after 18 years in captivity. The network says Dugard, her mother, Terry Probyn, and her half-sister Shayna will be seen and heard for the first time on-camera since she was abducted in 1991 near her home in South Lake Tahoe, Calif. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# World



## UN official condemns honour killings

The UN's top human rights official is condemning domestic violence and the killing of women in the name of honour. Navi Pillay, left, says one in three women across the world are beaten, raped or otherwise abused sometime in their lives. Pillay says about 5,000 women each year are victims of so-called "honour killings," in which relatives kill women for relationships they believe bring shame to the family. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Men banned from styling women's hair

**Gaza's Islamic Hamas government on Thursday banned men from working in women's hair salons, the latest step in its campaign to impose strict Islamic customs on Gaza's 1.5 million people.**

Since seizing Gaza in 2007, Hamas has taken steps in that direction while avoiding a frontal assault on secularism. The majority of Gaza residents are conservative Muslims, but Hamas is under growing pressure from more radical groups to prove its fundamentalist credentials by imposing ever harsher edicts.

The latest measure irked one of the victims of the ban. "Next thing you know, they will ban doctors from treating women, and will only let women treat women," said Barakat al-Ghoul, a 44-year-old hairdresser. "Tomorrow, they will ban everything."

Al-Ghoul, who has cut women's hair for 26 years, said a ban would be devastating. He said he has no other way of making a living. Islamic tradition forbids women from showing their hair to men who are not their husbands or blood relatives. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## India Dozens killed in stampede



A man comforts a woman in Kunda, India, Thursday. At least 63 people were killed and dozens of others injured in a stampede that broke out as thousands of people jostled each other to get free clothes being distributed during a religious function. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### News in brief

**IRAQ** A string of deadly blasts shattered an early round of voting in Iraq Thursday, killing 17 people and highlighting the fragile nature of the country's security. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Scientists conclude that asteroid killed dinosaurs

**EXTINCTION** An all-star panel of researchers says it was the crash of a giant asteroid that killed off the dinosaurs. Think you've heard that before? You're right. In 1980, Louis Alvarez and his son Walter published a paper blaming the dinosaur extinction 65 million years ago on an asteroid impact. The probable crater was

later found at Chicxulub, Mexico, and the idea gained wide scientific acceptance. In the past few years, however, suggestions were made that the demise of the dinosaurs might have been caused by the eruption of volcanoes, known as the Deccan Traps, in India, or multiple asteroid impacts. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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# NATO fears increasing cyber attacks

NATO is facing new threats in cyberspace that cannot be met by lining up soldiers and tanks, the alliance's secretary-general said Thursday in an apparent reference to terror groups and criminal networks.

Anders Fogh Rasmussen

said there were several international groups who want "to know what's going on inside NATO, and they also use cyberspace to achieve their goals."

"It's really a broad range of threats. There are many actors in cyberspace, and we have to develop a ca-

## 'No peace' in cyberspace

• Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt said there is "no peace" in cyberspace. "There are terrorists, spies, subversive

capacity to protect ourselves against those attacks,"

attempts, ongoing attacks, as well as preparations for much more disruptive and destructive operations," he said.

Fogh Rasmussen told reporters in Helsinki.

The alliance has been reticent to discuss its actions in countering cyber attacks and threats, but was prompted to tackle the problem after hackers unleashed a wave of attacks against NATO-member Estonia three years ago.

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## Landslides kill hundreds in Uganda

**FLOODING** Heavy rains in eastern Uganda have triggered flooding that has displaced more than 20,000 people and hampered search efforts to find victims of massive landslides feared to have killed hundreds, officials said Thursday.

Persistent heavy rains since early in the week have flooded more than 30 villages in the country's east, leading to the displacement of more than 20,000 people, said Joel Aguma, the police commander for eastern Uganda.

Villagers have headed to higher ground and are waiting for assistance from aid groups and the government, he said.

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## Blasts highlight Iraq's fragile nature

**SECURITY** A string of deadly blasts shattered an early round of voting in Iraq Thursday, killing 17 people and highlighting the fragile nature of the country's security gains ahead of crucial parliamentary elections this Sunday.

Iraq security forces were out in full force, trying to protect early voters in an election that will determine who will lead the country through the crucial period of the U.S. troop drawdown and help decide whether the country can overcome its deep sectarian divisions.

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## News in brief

**WORK** A growing number of American men are claiming they are victims of sexual harassment in the workplace. From 1990 to 2009, the percentage of sexual harassment claims filed by men has doubled to 16 per cent from eight per cent, according to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Lawyers at the commission say they've noticed the increase in complaints by men — more than 2,000 were filed in 2009 out of about 12,700 cases.

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## Comment

# Please don't go Bronco



Mike Morrison  
In Defence Of ...

Last week, Mayor Dave Bronconnier announced that he was stepping down.

If you're not sure how you feel about the mayor leaving, consider that most Calgarians seem to be excited by the news. And while those naysayers will always exist, it's a shame when most of them are our city's aldermen. People seem to think that Bronconnier has

lost his bite. Of course, it doesn't help that he and Ed Stelmach get along like landlords and rent control.

But I happily disagree with those cynics. The mayor stepping down is like me going bald in high school. We knew it was going to happen; I just wish it wasn't so soon.

I do not pretend to be a political expert. My knowledge of democracy is tied to the always fair American Idol voting. But I happen to think that "Bronco" has a lot more buck in him.

Assuming that we'd be on a first-name basis, I want

Dave to stick around. First, let's start with how happy he seems. Sure, his smile is usually paired with a blank stare, but he always made me happy. Shouldn't that be enough?

No? Fine.

Secondly, he proves that even when everyone around you is telling you something you don't want to hear, you don't have to listen — and that means you're right and, therefore, you win. Really, what more could you want from a mayor? Progressive action? Ugh. The ability to persuade complainers? Nah. How about getting along

with our province's MLAs? No thank you.

And if he doesn't run, who will? You can probably count on a disgruntled, cocky U of C politics student, a likable Calgary Twitter celebrity or one of the two aldermen who have never missed a day of work.

Of course, this isn't a job at the Calgary Zoo; This job requires experience. And no one has more experience than Bronconnier.

Dave, please reconsider.

Mike Morrison writes daily about all things Canadian entertainment on the award-winning Mike's Bloggity Blog.

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# Asper quits as Canwest CEO

**After a long battle to remain at the helm of Canwest Global Communications, Leonard Asper announced Thursday he has resigned as president and CEO of the crumbling newspaper and broadcast empire founded by his father.**

The move, widely expected after Calgary cable giant Shaw Communications won bankruptcy court approval to take control of Canwest's broadcasting assets, nearly severs the last Asper family tie to the Winnipeg company. Leonard's brother and sister, David and Gail Asper, resigned from the Canwest board last month, though technically the family still holds a controlling block of multiple-vote shares in Canwest.

In a brief note to Canwest staff, Leonard Asper — the son of Canwest founder Israel (Izzy) Asper who died in 2003 — ex-

pressed little emotion as he announced his departure as a "natural time for me to move on."

"This decision did not come without a lot of careful consideration,"

wrote Asper. "Taking this action now will also allow me to pursue other business opportunities and avoid any conflict of interest that I may have."

Asper, 45, will continue on as a consultant to Canwest until the restructuring process has been completed.

Canwest's TV business will continue to be managed by Peter Viner and senior management at newspaper publishing and online operations will stay the same. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Leonard Asper

## New rules for income trusts

### Canada Budget

**TAX** The federal government is moving to restrict income trusts looking to shelter themselves from taxes by acquiring large tax losses in complex deals with unrelated companies.

"Aggressive schemes have been designed to use these provisions to achieve inappropriate tax loss trading that would not be allowed as between two corporations," the government said in Thursday's budget.

Under the new rules, trusts acquiring a business with big tax losses will be restricted in their ability to use those losses to shelter their earnings from taxes like a corporation would be

when acquiring another corporation.

Ottawa moved to change the tax rules governing income trusts in 2006. Starting next year business income trusts will begin to be taxed more like corporations.

Ahead of those changes, several trusts have looked to acquire large pools of tax losses so that they can avoid paying tax.

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# Bank marks record high

**Canadian Western Bank says its first-quarter earnings and revenue hit a company record high, with net income rising by 56 per cent from a year earlier to \$40 million.**

The Edmonton-based bank said Thursday its total revenue for the three-month period ended Jan. 31 was \$98.1 million, up 30 per cent from \$25.6 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2009, which ended Oct. 31.

"CWB is positioned early in the year to surpass its fiscal 2010 minimum targets, except for loan growth, by a considerable margin," the bank said.

The bank had set a 2010 minimum target of 10 per cent loan growth but has only achieved three per

cent so far, it said.

"Meeting our target for double-digit loan growth will be challenging until we enter a period of sustained economic growth, but we are very positive about our position to capitalize on growth opportunities once the economic recovery takes hold," CWB said.

Canadian Western operates in the four western provinces through several subsidiaries including Canadian Western Trust, Valiant Trust, Adroit Investment Management and the recently acquired National Leasing Group Inc.

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**Fairborne reverses profit**  
Oil and gas company Fairborne Energy had a \$25.6 million loss in 2009, reversing a year-earlier profit as revenues dropped by 29 per cent. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Canadian Natural to build upgraders

## Peers to send oilsands bitumen south

**Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. intends to process bitumen from its northern Alberta oilsands operations close to home instead of sending the gooey crude south of the border to be upgraded — something many of the company's peers are planning to do.**

The price difference between the molasses-thick crude from the oilsands and the lighter, easier-to-refine light variety has traditionally been between 30 and 40 per cent. However, it has since narrowed to around 10 to 15 per cent.

"We don't see that as sustainable," Canadian Natural chief operating officer Steve Laut told analysts Thursday after the company reported sharply lower fourth-quarter profits but higher revenues and raised its dividend substantially. Laut added he sees the

**"It's a volatile market and it does make sense to have some sort of natural hedge by having upgrading capacity."**

Steve Laut,  
Canadian Natural CEO

spread between light and heavy crudes widening to between 22 to 24 per cent in the longer term.

U.S. refiners have been thirsty for heavy and sour crudes as volumes from Mexico and Venezuela decline. Canadian pipeline firms have responded by building new conduits to ship oilsands crude to those markets.

Companies such as Imperial Oil Ltd., Suncor Energy and Canadian Oil

Sands Trust, the lead partner in the Syncrude Canada project, are forgoing plans to build costly upgraders in favour of sending their raw bitumen to U.S. hubs. But Laut said building an upgrader for the next phase of its Horizon oilsands project makes sense, even if it is difficult and costly to do.

"It's a volatile market and it does make sense to have some sort of natural hedge by having upgrading capacity," he said.

Laut made his comments after the Calgary-based company said it decided to raise its quarterly dividend by 43 per cent to 15 cents per share. Canadian Natural's board of directors will ask shareholders to approve splitting its common shares on a two-for-one basis at the firm's annual meeting in May.

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**Jets, Chargers have trade agreement**

The New York Jets have reached an agreement in principle with the San Diego Chargers to acquire cornerback Antonio Cromartie.

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# Sports

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## Flames welcome newest additions

The morning after being blanked 4-0 by the Minnesota Wild, the Calgary Flames turned their attention toward preparing for their final 19 games of the season with two new players in the fold.

Acquired at yesterday's NHL trade deadline, defenceman Steve Staios and goaltender Vesa Toskala practised with their new teammates at the Pengrowth Saddledome on Thursday in preparation for Friday night's home game against the New Jersey Devils.

Currently ninth in the Western Conference standings, the Flames (30-24-9) acquired Staios on Wednesday in exchange for defenceman Aaron Johnson and a third-round draft pick in either 2010 or 2011. It's the first time the Flames and Oilers have ever made a direct trade with each other.

"To me, it couldn't have been a better situation," said Staios, who admitted it felt a little strange to pull a Flames jersey over his shoulders and practise with his once bitter rivals. "I know a lot of the guys here and I've competed against them for a long time and have a high respect level for them so I'm really excited."

While the Oilers were



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linguishing far out of the playoff picture, Staios is pleased to join a team in the thick of an intense battle to earn a post-season berth with just seven points separating seventh through 13th spot in the Western Conference.

"It's been a while since I've played some meaningful games," said the 36-year-old defenceman. "With the chance of getting into the playoffs and getting onto a roll with this team, I'm just thrilled. I have the experience of going through these types of situations ...

I'll lay it on the line and see if we can't put this team over the edge."

Assistant coach Dave Lowry said Staios will provide the Flames with a much needed veteran presence in the locker room down the stretch.

"Steve knows that he's got to get ready to play a game tomorrow as a member of the Calgary Flames," Lowry said. "He's a character guy and he's been that way throughout his career. He'll have no problem coming in and fitting in."

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## Alberta gets new face at Brier

**CURLING** It took an Olympic gold medal and regional upset to change what seemed to be the natural order of things at this year's Canadian men's curling championship.

For the first time in 11 years, Alberta is sending a rink skipped by someone other than Kevin Martin or Randy Ferbey to the Tim Hortons Brier. This year's event begins Saturday in Halifax.

Martin, a four-time Brier winner, took the Olympic route this year and led Canada to gold by downing Norway at the Vancouver Games.

He is only making a guest appearance at this

year's event.

The job of representing Alberta on the ice has fallen to Edmonton's Kevin Koe, who beat Ferbey's rink 7-5 in their provincial showdown earlier this year.

Koe says he's ready for his Brier debut.

"We're fortunate in that even though we've never been there, we're used to playing a lot of these top teams in big events," he said.

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# Olympic glory has a price tag

Field of Play

**Scott Russell**

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The news that the Canadian government will extend its commitment to high-performance sport is welcome indeed.

National pride requires an investment.

While we all revelled in the performances by this country's athletes at the home Olympics, it's safe to say there will be more moments to enjoy in the future.

But Canadians must avoid a tendency to jump off the bandwagon once the Olympics have left town. It demands an understanding that winning needs support and role models don't just appear — they are nurtured

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"The money needs to come in larger part from businesses, and if this can happen the impact will be profound," said six-time Olympic medallist Clara Hughes. "To get anywhere near the realistic amount of money it takes, the source cannot be the government alone."

Bobsled pilot Lyndon Rush captured the first Canadian medal in 46 years

in the four-man event. "I am a direct result of Own the Podium," said the native of Humboldt, Sask. "When they got the money they recruited me. I worked hard and the payback is this bronze medal. I think it was worth it."

As Rush was speaking he cradled the medal that hung around his neck like a national treasure.

Maybe it is, just as the other 25 medals won at the home Olympics are. So, too, are the record 14 gold medals, which allowed O Canada to be the most frequently played anthem at the Games.

But all that patriotism comes at a price and it hinges on great performance.

Finally, it seems, Canadians are willing to pay.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games.

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Alec Baldwin, left, and Steve Martin will be officiating the Avatar and The Hurt Locker brawl at the Oscars; our writers weigh in as well.

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James Cameron's *Avatar* and Kathryn Bigelow's *The Hurt Locker* are clear frontrunners in the Best Picture and Best Director categories at the Oscars.

# Faceoff night at Oscars

## Metro critics go to battle over who will win Academy race



### Richard Crouse

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Mo'Nique (Precious)**

"I think this is as close to a 'gimme' as you are going to get this year."

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR: Christoph Waltz (Inglourious Basterds)**

"Again, this is a category where the winner is rather obvious. I love how Christopher Plummer says 'I am happy to be nominated,' but Christoph Waltz takes this one."

**BEST ACTRESS: Meryl Streep (Julie & Julia) or Sandra Bullock (The Blind Side)**

"It's a flip of the coin for me. I would like to see Meryl Streep win because I think she took Julia Child and turned her into an actu-

al person rather than a caricature ... but Sandra Bullock has been making amazing speeches. She took a movie that was deeply average and turned it into something that was Oscar worthy."

**BEST ACTOR: Jeff Bridges (Crazy Heart)**

"He is Hollywood royalty. He has put in an unbelievable performance that has thrown vanity out the window."

**BEST DIRECTOR: Kathryn Bigelow (The Hurt Locker)**

"This is a race between the first too: James Cameron and Kathryn Bigelow and I think Kathryn Bigelow is going to take this one."

**BEST PICTURE: Avatar**

"It has been living at the very centre of popular culture since it came out, and not only has it made billions of dollars but it has also changed the way Hollywood is doing business now."



### Steve Gow

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Mo'Nique (Precious)**

"She really is a fantastic character in this movie. Great villain; which Hollywood really loves."

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR: Christoph Waltz (Inglourious Basterds)**

"The only chance that he won't get it is that maybe some of the voters out there are sort of thinking that everyone else is going to vote for him so they kind of pick a secondary person."

**BEST ACTRESS: Meryl Streep (Julie & Julia) or Sandra Bullock (The Blind Side)**

"This is a really interesting category. Some might vote for Meryl, some for Sandra. And up the middle you might see someone like

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Carey Mulligan."

**BEST ACTOR: Jeff Bridges (Crazy Heart)**

"(The Academy) loves these kinds of roles where you see the star acting outside their element and a little grungy."

**BEST DIRECTOR: Katherine Bigelow (The Hurt Locker)**

"I think voters really like that there is that ex-husband factor as well in James Cameron (he and Bigelow were married) ... I think they really want to see her sort of beat him."

**BEST PICTURE: Avatar**

"Maybe it is my heart here, but I kind of hope *The Hurt Locker* wins."

### Hollywood Votes

## Academy Awards

### What's buzzing at the Oscars

#### RED CARPET, GREEN DRESS:

Most women attending the Academy Awards choose their dress weeks in advance and keep it a secret until the big day. James Cameron's wife, Suzy Amis Cameron, started looking for her dress more than a year ago and she showed it off on a mannequin at a party Wednesday night.

Suzy Cameron held an eco-dress design contest to raise funds for Muse Elementary, the eco-friendly school she founded in Los Angeles. She unveiled the winning dress and its designer, 21-year-old Michigan State senior Jillian Granz, at environmental organization Global Green USA's seventh annual pre-Oscar party.

The long, flowing gown is made almost entirely from sustainable materials. It's one shouldered, with a big slit up the side, and it's Avatar blue.

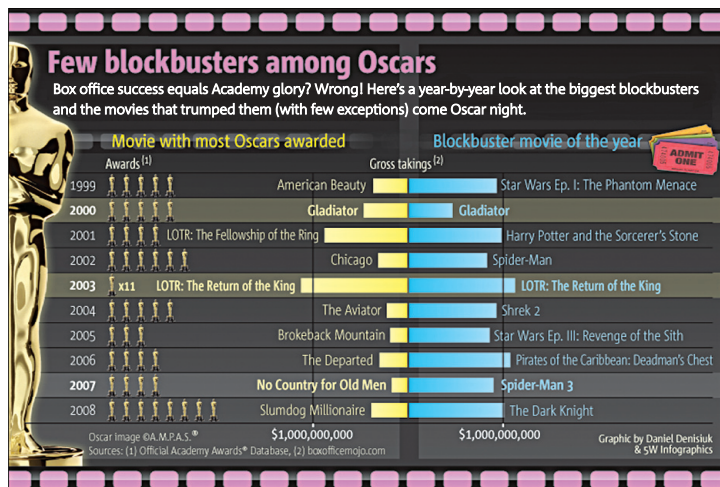
"Suzy likes blue," said James Cameron, an Oscar nominee for best director and best picture for *Avatar*, which features a blue humanoid species living on a faraway moon called Pandora.

#### MIRRORS EVERYWHERE:

Instead of returning to their seats after presenting or accepting an Academy Award, Oscar's stars might opt to relax in the Architectural Digest green room backstage at the Kodak Theatre, where they can have a drink, watch the show on a flat-screen TV and check their reflection in multiple mirrors.

Interior designer Roger Thomas, who is responsible for the look of the Wynn hotels, says Oscar's green room was inspired by Hollywood's golden age. Black lacquer furniture is trimmed in shades of cream and white, flanked by end tables topped with orchid plants and oversized crystals. An outdoor garden space connected to the green room provides celebrity smokers with a private, covered place to light up. The floor inside is splattered with paint, like one might find in the art department on a studio lot. And there are mirrors everywhere.

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## ... and now the Razzies

**THE WORST** While Hollywood's elite will be celebrating the best of 2009 Sunday evening, the night before will see a celebration of a different nature when the 30th annual Golden Razzies Awards are announced a few miles further down Hollywood Boulevard.

The Razzies, the Golden Raspberry Award Foundation's annual salute to the very worst in film, has acted as a kind of snarky younger sibling to the Oscars since it started humbly in 1980, growing into what E! News has called "the foremost authority on all

things that suck on the big screen." The two films leading this year's pack, with seven nominations each, are *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* and *Land of the Lost*.

Worst Actress nominee Sandra Bullock (for "All About Steve") could make history by being the first actress to win a Razzie one day and an Oscar the next, since she's also up for Best Actress at the Academy Awards for "The Blind Side." Surprisingly, Bullock has said she'll be there. "I'm showing up if I win," she told Entertainment Weekly.

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# Plenty of eye-candy

## Alice In Wonderland

**Director:** Tim Burton

**Stars:** Johnny Depp,

Mia Wasikowska

**Classification:** PG

**Rating:** ●●●●

PHIL BROWN  
for Metro Canada



**Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy Alice In Wonderland. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen.**

From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with

those new-fangled 3-D glasses.

However, there's little going on to stimulate audiences beyond the visual flourishes. It's a shame because Burton is capable of more than just surface style and the source material offers plenty to explore. But when the package is this pretty, a lack of depth is forgivable.

Surprisingly this is not a straight adaptation, but a sequel to Carroll's original stories. The movie stars Mia Wasikowska as an older Alice verging on adulthood.

Frustrated by the suffocating social codes of Victorian society, Alice escapes to Wonderland with no memory of her previous adventures.



Helena Bonham Carter plays the Red Queen in Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland.

She is reintroduced to all of her old friends and must embark on a quest to overthrow the Red Queen. It all amounts to a message about favouring individuality over succumbing to the expectations of others, which is sweet but unnecessary. The world of the film is so exquisitely realized that it's disappointing

to find such a conventional story at the centre.

Still, no one is going to see this movie for complex storytelling and it delivers on plenty of other levels. A cast of comedians and character actors like Alan Rickman and Stephen Fry play all the recognizable Wonderland characters and clearly had a blast with

their roles.

Burton regulars Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter take on the Mad Hatter and Red Queen respectively and unsurprisingly steal all or their scenes (even if Depp's role was unnecessarily expanded to accommodate his fame).

It's easy to get lost in the

stunning visuals and eccentric performances, but hopefully Tim Burton will rediscover his interest in characterization and storytelling soon. As impressive as this film is, he's capable of more.

• For a trailer of Alice In Wonderland, screen times and photos, visit [metronews.ca/movies](http://metronews.ca/movies)

# An Englishman in New York

NED EHRBAR  
Metro World News



**FEATURE** Robert Pattinson has been playing Americans so often that he's forgotten how to talk like a Brit.

In his latest, *Remember Me*, the Twilight heartthrob stars a soulful young New Yorker attending NYU, but he insists he didn't need any help sounding like a native. "I've never had a dialect coach or anything," Pattinson says. "Ironically, I've only had a dialect coach for this film I'm doing now, which I'm doing now in an English accent. I guess I've forgotten how to do an English accent."

Part of what attracted Pattinson to *Remember Me* — a mix of love story and family drama in which two college students (Pattinson and *Lost* star Emilie de Ravin) fall for each other — was that it didn't follow a traditional love story mould.

"The way the plot was structured, it didn't fit into any kind of normal category. It didn't seem very formulaic," Pattinson says. "When you meet someone who you feel whatever for,



Robert Pattinson and Emilie de Ravin star in *Remember Me*.

Remember Me opens next Friday

it doesn't necessarily mean that that's a finish line — like, 'Oh, you'll be all right now afterward.' People now, everyone does all of these things because they think they should be happy like all the time."

While he didn't struggle with the accent, the actor admits filming on location in New York City wasn't easy, especially with the constant attention from diehard Twilight fans and paparazzi. "The first two weeks were kind of crazy," he remembers. "It was annoying people as well, that all of these crowds came and disrupted people's

days."

Pattinson has tried to harness his feelings about the constant attention to use for his performance.

"I was trying to figure out a way to use the sort of rage that was built up, but you couldn't really use it for that character," he says. "If the same thing had happened during this movie that I'm doing now, it would have been perfect and I could have gone around hitting paparazzi and it would have been great because I would have been staying in character."

Consider that a warning to any photographers hanging around the set of *Bel Ami*, based on the French

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novel by Guy de Maupassant. Pattinson says he was keen on taking on the new project because it was a departure from the vampire character that's made him an international star.

"I thought there was a kind of irony in *Bel Ami*, because a lot of the women are attracted to this character and then he kind of screws them over and steals their money and stuff," Pattinson says.

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Neil Patrick Harris has signed up for The Smurfs – the new, CG/live-action blend take on the little blue people. According to Deadline Hollywood, he's playing a human character in the movie. [EMPIREONLINE.COM](http://EMPIREONLINE.COM)

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### Brooklyn's Finest

**Director:** Antoine Fuqua

**Stars:** Ethan Hawke,  
Don Cheadle, Richard Gere

**Classification:** STC

**Rating:** ●●●

**PHIL BROWN**  
for Metro Canada



The best thing that can be said about Brooklyn's Finest is that it is bargain priced. Like a Costco DVD combo pack, viewers are treated to three derivative police stories for the price of one. Unfortunately, if you enjoy realistic and artfully crafted crime films, you'll have to look elsewhere.

This movie plays like three sub-par episodes of NYPD Blue combined into an exhausting 140 minutes. Much of the acting is excellent and almost makes some of the characters believable.

But for the most part, this is a waste of talent destined to stock clearance sale DVD bins.

Antoine Fuqua (Training Day) directs Brooklyn's Finest as if it is an earnest drama, emphasizing the absurdity of the project. Nothing is harder to buy than



Ethan Hawke plays a cop in Brooklyn's Finest.

clichés played as truth and the three intertwined plots are marred with this issue.

Ethan Hawke plays a poor police officer with an ever-expanding family who starts stealing confiscated drug money to buy a new house.

Don Cheadle plays an undercover officer asked to send a longtime friend to prison. And finally, Richard Gere plays as disenchanted retiring cop assigned to train a fresh faced new recruit. The concepts are all familiar and they play out in obvious ways.

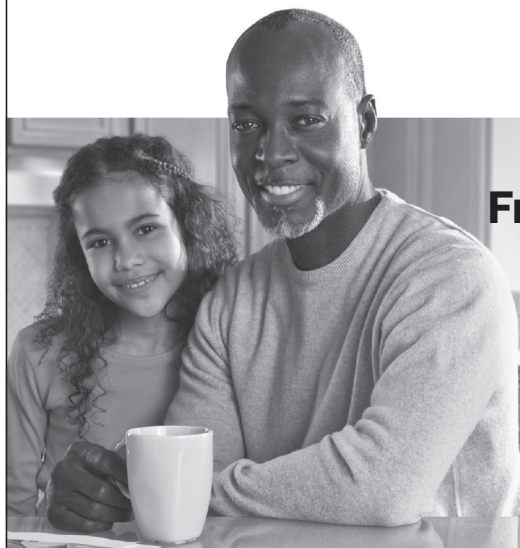
It has to be said that both Ethan Hawke and Don

Cheadle manage to rise above the material and give solid performances that almost make their sections work.

But "almost" is the key word and sadly most of their good work goes to waste.

Richard Gere on the other hand is placid throughout. His character is supposed to be embarrassed by his profession and quietly goes about his work waiting for it all to be over.

There's a sense that the actor feels that way about the movie itself and is too frustrated by the proceedings to put in any effort.



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**McAdams signs on for Allen film**

Rachel McAdams is set to engage in a storied Hollywood tradition — appearing in a Woody Allen film. The Canadian actress has signed on to co-star in the director's next project, according to Hollywood Reporter. **IMDB.COM**

**Reel Time**

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**Movie morsels****Shutter island**

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**REVIEW** For years, Martin Scorsese has admitted his desire to have worked in old Hollywood; when directors were hired hands who nimbly changed subjects and genres from film to film.

Shutter Island sees the director slipping into this mode, taking on a thriller with all the familiar trappings of the genre. While the movie does provide the requisite suspense and entertainment, Scorsese also adds his distinct touch to the project, making this B-movie veer dangerously close to becoming an A picture.

If he weren't such a talented personal filmmaker, this guy would be one hell of a journeyman director.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

**Valentine's Day**

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**REVIEW** For his new romantic omnibus Valentine's Day, director Garry Marshall brings together an overwhelmingly impressive cast, including Julia Roberts, Ashton Kutcher, Anne Hathaway, Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Patrick Dempsey, Jessica Biel, Bradley Cooper, Jessica Alba, Topher Grace, Shirley MacLaine, Taylor Swift and Taylor Lautner.

It's an embarrassment of A-list riches. But so many big stars playing so many characters with so many Valentine's Day-related issues to work out makes the movie feel more than a little crowded. And while there's certainly something for everyone in the interconnecting story lines, Valentine's Day suffers from a supreme lack of focus.

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**The Wolfman**

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**REVIEW** The blockbuster Wolfman remake arrives on screens after countless delays (including the original director quitting shortly before shooting began). That's never a good sign, but with a cast that includes Benicio Del Toro and Anthony Hopkins along with some stunning Gothic production design, it at least looked like the project had a shot at working.

Sadly, it doesn't. Though the filmmakers get a number of elements right, they can all be admired on the poster. Once the movie starts playing, disappointment sets in.

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# Many varied takes on Alice

Classic story has undergone several different interpretations on screen

**InFocus****Richard Crouse**

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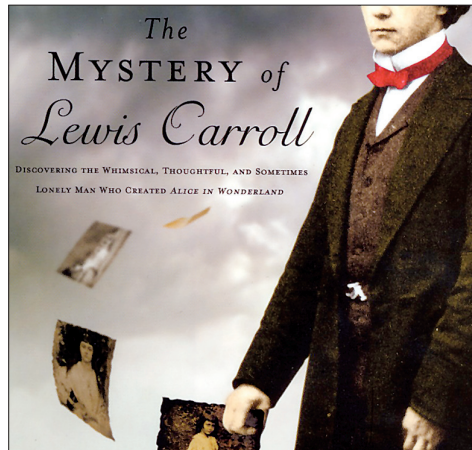
Will the real Alice Kingsley please stand up?

Is she the 19 year old rebel played by Mia Wasikowska in this week-end's 3-D Alice in Wonderland directed by Tim Burton? Or the insane character of America McGee's video game Alice? Or the martial arts instructor of a recent Syfy channel adaptation?

In fact, she's all those people and more.

Originally written in 1865 by Lewis Carroll, the little girl who found a world of wonder down the rabbit hole, has become one of the more enduring and malleable characters of literature and film.

"The books are a kind of Rorschach test, a screen on-



Author Jenny Woolf, who wrote *The Mystery of Lewis Carroll*, compared Alice in Wonderland to a Rorschach test, where people project their own ideas on to the classic tale.

to which people project their own ideas," says *The Mystery of Lewis Carroll* author Jenny Woolf.

Alice first got the big screen treatment in 1903 in a 12 minute silent version featuring rudimentary special effects of the hero changing sizes. Played by Mabel Clark, (who was also employed on the set as a "help-out girl," making cos-

sembles the book's original illustrations.

Out of print for many years, it's now available as a DVD extra on the recent reissue of the 1966 Alice starring Peter Sellers.

The Sellers version, a made-for-BBC television movie, is as mad as a hatter. Director Jonathan Miller sought to boil the production down to the essentials, to dispense with the "japing and game play" of earlier versions.

To that end none of the strange creatures Alice meets along the way are played by actors in animal costumes.

This approach could have fallen flat, but when you have actors like John Gielgud and Peter Cook accentuating the wonderful dialogue rather than the flashy production design, it works.

Add a trippy soundtrack

by Ravi Shankar and some veiled drug references and you get a film that could only have been made at the height of the Swingin' Sixties.

It's hard to know what Alice Liddell, the young girl who inspired the movie would have thought of any of the wild and wacky versions of the story, but we do know she enjoyed the 1933 Paramount version.

"I am delighted with the film and am now convinced that only through the medium of the talking picture art could this delicious fantasy be faithfully interpreted," she told the *New York Times*.

"Alice is a picture which represents a revolution in cinema history!"

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America Ferrera and Lance Gross star as a newly engaged couple in *Our Family Wedding*.

# Ferrera set for life after Betty

TV star sad to see show go, but is busy with film work

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Metro World News

It's time to say so long to *Ugly Betty* as America Ferrera returns to the big screen this month with *Our Family Wedding*, a culture-clash comedy about a Mexican-American law student (Ferrera) who brings her African-American fiancé (Lance Gross) home to meet her caught-of-guard family and announce their engagement. It's the actress' first film since the announcement that her four-year-old ABC comedy won't be returning in the fall.

"I love this character. I've grown so close to her in playing her," Ferrera says, reflecting on the unfashionable fashion editor that earned her a Golden Globe and an Emmy. "It's going to be hard to say goodbye, but I'm so proud of what we've done with it, and proud of what it's meant to so many people. I think that we're going to get a chance to really wrap it up and give the characters their due justice."

"I'm just grateful that they just didn't just pull the plug without finishing the story lines."

She's keeping busy beyond *Betty*, of course, with projects like *Our Family Wedding*, which gave her a chance to re-team with veteran Latina actress Lupe Ontiveros, who appeared in Ferrera's breakthrough debut, *Real Women Have Curves*. It was an opportunity the younger actress relished.

"I can't even explain how much I owe to her. She played a hundred maids so I could come in and take a part like Betty," Ferrera says. "She's such an incredible talent, and so incredibly underused,

**"It's going to be hard to say goodbye, but I'm so proud of what we've done. ... I think that we're going to get a chance to really wrap it up and give the characters their due justice."**

America Ferrera, on the end of *Ugly Betty*

and I think that everyone who has seen her work knows that she's a star and she should've been at the level of Meryl Streep."

Later this spring, Ferrera will be heard if not seen in the upcoming *How to Train Your Dragon*, voicing a fierce dragon-slayer — something of a departure from *Betty* Suarez. And that's just what Ferrera was looking for.

"She is tall and blonde and has blue eyes and has a kick-ass body," Ferrera says of her character, Astrid. And Ferrera admits she didn't think she was a likely choice for an animated feature.

"I don't have like a Disney princess voice, obviously," she says. "I've always had a raspier voice since I was younger."

With three movies out this year and a TV show winding down, the actress and producer isn't too concerned with filling up her dance card. But would she entertain the idea of doing another series anytime soon?

"I would entertain sleeping for three months," she says with a laugh. "And then taking a long, deep breath and seeing what happens organically and naturally after that."

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**Extraordinary Measures** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-9:50  
**Invictus** (STC) Fri-Thu 1:3-4:5-6:45-9:30  
**Leap Year** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:10-7:25-9:55  
**Legion** (18A) Fri-Thu 9:25  
**The Lovely Bones** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:35-6:50-9:45  
**Nine** (PG) Fri-Thu 4:6-55  
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:30-7:25  
**Planet 51** (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:40-7:10  
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:55-7:15-9:35  
**The Spy Next Door** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20  
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-7:05-9:45  
**Youth in Revolt** (14A) Fri-Thu 9:40

## CROWFOOT CROSSING

91 Crowfoot Terrace, 403-547-3316

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**Alice in Wonderland 3D** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:12-5:35-4:20-5:15-7:25-7:50-10:10-10:30  
**Avatar** (PG) Fri-Thu 2:6-30-10  
**Brooklyn's Finest** (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:20-10:15  
**Cop Out** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:25-7:30-10:05 Wed 4:25-7:30-10:05 Thu 1:15-4:25-7:30-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1  
**The Crazies** (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:55-10:20  
**Dear John** (PG) Fri-Thu 6:45-9:40  
**The Metropolitan Opera: Der Rosenkavalier Encore** (STC) Sat 11  
**Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:45  
**Sherlock Holmes** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:7-15:10-10:05 Sat 4:7-15:10-10:05 Sun-Thu 12:40-4:7-15:10-10:05  
**Shutter Island** (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50-7:10-10:25  
**Tooth Fairy** (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40  
**Valentine's Day** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:15-6:55-9:55

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**Crazy Heart** (14A) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:10-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40  
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**A Single Man** (PG) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50  
**Up in the Air** (14A) Fri 7:45-9:45 Sat 12:50-3:50-7:45 Sun 4:20-7:45 Mon-Thu 7:45-9:45 Wed-Thu 9:45

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**Alice in Wonderland 3D** (PG) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:13-4:40-7:10-9:40-9:15  
**Avatar 3D** (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:4-3:57-7:10-9:40  
**The Blind Side** (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:05-4:15-7:05-9:50 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:15-4:15-7:05-9:50 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:05-4:15-7:05-9:50  
**The Book of Eli** (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 10  
**Brooklyn's Finest** (18A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:05-10:10  
**Cop Out** (14A) No Passes, SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:4-3:57-7:10-9:40  
**The Crazies** (18A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:40-7:40-10:15  
**Dear John** (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 1:20-3:55-6:45-9:35 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 1:20-3:55-6:45-9:35  
**Edge of Darkness** (14A) Stadium Seating, SR

Timothy Olyphant and Radha Mitchell are up against a deadly plague that turns people into killers in *The Crazies*.

Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:20  
**Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief** (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:35-4:10-6:50-9:30 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:3-3:40-6:50-9:25 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:35-4:10-6:50-9:30  
**Shutter Island** (14A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:25-3:50-4:45-6:50-7:50-9:55  
**Tooth Fairy** (G) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:15-3:40-6:30 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:30 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:15-3:40-6:30  
**Valentine's Day** (PG) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 12:10-3:20-4:05-6:45-7:15-9:40-10:10 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:20-1:10-3:20-4:05-6:45-7:15-9:40-10:10 SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:10-3:20-4:05-6:45-7:15-9:40-10:10  
**The Wolfman** (18A) SR Dolby Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:30

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**Avatar 3D** (PG) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 12:4-8  
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**Cop Out** (14A) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:10

**The Crazies** (18A) Stadium Seating, SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 2:4-3:57-7:20-10:05  
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**Legion** (18A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-7:10

**The Lovely Bones** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:45-9:35  
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-7:10-10:05  
**Planet 51** (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4  
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:40  
**The Spy Next Door** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:3-40-7:05-9:45  
**Teen Patti** (PG) Fri-Thu 8:45  
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:45-9:40

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**The Wolfman** (18A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:45-9:30

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**Crazy Heart** (14A) Fri-Sun 12:05-6:40 Mon-Thu 5:10  
**It's Complicated** (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-6:30 Mon-Thu 5:55  
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**Up in the Air** (14A) Fri-Sun 2:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:40  
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## Music

## Little Boots, big shoes

CAM LINDSAY  
for Metro Canada

North America hasn't exactly been friendly to the dance pop genre in the last decade unless there has been a fresh-faced teen front and centre to exploit. Last year Lady Gaga became the exception to the rule, and now there's plenty of room on the charts for her to share.

Trying to crack this continent's fickle market has sent many defeated would-be pop stars back to Europe, a place where slick, synthesized pop has always been welcomed with open arms. But if you ask Victoria Hesketh, a.k.a. Little Boots, what she thinks of her chances making it in America, she seems unfazed by the looming challenge.

"I'm not sure I will fit in with North American music," she admits. "But I think



Hands, Little Boots has found the perfect amalgam of dance pop's colourful history while building an identity of her own.

that with Gaga and Katy Perry breaking through it does seem that maybe America is getting more in to pop so maybe it will work for me."

If Little Boots sounds confident that's because she knows the tide is turning. With Gaga's aforementioned success still growing and the rise of burgeoning stars like La Roux and

Lights, the moment is now for her to shine.

On her debut album, Hands, Little Boots has found the perfect amalgam of dance pop's colourful history, touching on disco, '80s synth-pop and artists like Kylie Minogue and Goldfrapp, while building an identity of her own with the help of producers like Hot Chip's Joe Goddard and

Gaga's guru RedOne.

Hesketh sees the recent wave of female solo artists playing synths to be both harmful and helpful to her career.

"It's kind of annoying because I think all of the girls the press puts together are very different and that's what's exciting about it," she says.

Having previously fronted an indie band called Dead Disco and found buzz for Little Boots through indie-favouring blogs, Hesketh has already tasted pop stardom in the U.K. She's now hungry for more.

"I think being a solo artist really suits me and I never really cared about signing with an indie label or anything," she says. "I'm not into being an indie artist. I really just like pop music and see myself as more of a pop songwriter. On the album, I just really wrote what I felt was right to me."

## Nickelback's success helps other bands

## SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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So the pickle won. Good for the pickle. To recap: Last month, there was a Facebook campaign spearheaded by someone named Coral Anne to see if a lowly, anonymous dill could attract more Facebook friends than Nickelback.

The "Can this pickle get more fans than Nickelback (sic)?" crusade became something of an Internet sensation and blew past Nickelback's 1.4 million friends in rather short order. Everyone from Rolling Stone and MTV to U.K.

newspapers picked up on the story.

Given the nature of Internet memes and the hate so many people seem to have for Nickelback, the pickle's victory wasn't much of a surprise. But before lest lovers of cured cucumbers get too smug over their victory, remember this: We will always need bands like Nickelback. And here's why.

First, Nickelback sells more records than just about any other rock band these days. The Dark Horse album has sold 420,000 copies in Canada and another 2.6 million in the U.S. Overall, they've sold 2.5 million records in Canada, 20 million in America and 30 million worldwide. They gross in the region of \$100 million in concert ticket sales each year. In other words, it's pretty clear that someone must like them.

Second, consider the economic spinoff. In U.S., Nickelback is signed to Roadrunner, a label that specializes mainly in heavy music — metal, especially.

If you're a fan of metal — Rob Zombie, CKY, Killswitch Engage, Airbourne, Trivium — you have Roadrunner to thank. Great groups with solid cred with metal fans, but none of them sell records in tremendous numbers. Therefore, their careers — their very existence — needs to be subsidized by the profits generated by the few big bands on Roadrunner that consistently turn a profit. This includes Slipknot, Megadeth — and Nickelback.

This means that metal fans should want Nickelback to sell as many records as possible so that Roadrunner can help keep bands like Cradle of Filth, Opeth and Hatebreed in business.

There's also an important Canadian connection here. Are you a fan of Billy Talent and Alexisonfire? Want them to do well in America? Then root for Nickelback because both bands are signed to Roadrunner in the U.S. Nickelback profits are being used to support both bands in their quest for continent-wide success.

This doesn't mean you have to like Nickelback. But they do play an important part in the whole ecosystem of metal.

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- 10 Oreo Cookies, chopped

**Make it**

MICROWAVE chocolate and condensed milk in large microwaveable bowl on MEDIUM 2 to 3 min. or until chocolate is almost melted, stirring after each minute. Add vanilla; mix well. Stir in chopped cookies.

LINE 8-inch square pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides. Spread chocolate mixture into pan.

REFRIGERATE 2 hours or until firm. Use foil handles to lift fudge from pan before cutting into 1-inch squares.

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## Lowe's new role

Rob Lowe will join the cast of Parks and Recreation starting with the second-to-last episode of the season as a "powerful person entering our world from the outside," executive producer Michael Schur told Fancast. [TVGUIDE.COM](http://TVGUIDE.COM)



## Television

# New series bands together

## Band of Brothers producers take on WWII in The Pacific

**The United States' National World War II Museum rolled out the red carpet this week for Tom Hanks and the stars of a new HBO miniseries set during that war.**

Hanks is an executive producer of *The Pacific*, a 10-part miniseries that follows three U.S. Marines fighting in the Pacific Theater during the Second World War.

Hanks joined the miniseries' stars — James Badge Dale, Jon Seda and Joe Mazzello — for a screening of the first episode at the city's convention centre, followed by a reception at the New Orleans museum.

**"War movies are never accurate to war veterans but I think this is maybe the best one I've seen so far."**

Sid Phillips, a 85-year-old veteran, from Mobile, Alabama, who is portrayed by Ashton Holmes in *The Pacific*

Hanks also teamed up with *The Pacific* executive producers Steven Spielberg and Gary Goetzman on HBO's *Band of Brothers*, a 2001 miniseries set in Europe during the Second World War.

*The Pacific*, which debuts on HBO on March 14, depicts some of the war's bloodiest battles, including Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Dale, Seda and Mazzello each play real-life men who fought in the Pacific campaign. "There are three main char-

acters that we follow, so therefore we got to be even more person- than we were in *Band of Brothers*," Hanks said while on the red carpet inside the convention centre.

"So in a weird way by focusing on less characters by number, we were able to expand the scope."

Before the 10-month shoot started in Australia, the cast endured a grueling 10-day "boot camp" under the direction of Dale Dye, an actor and military advisor whose screen credits include *Saving Private Ryan*.

They also met with relatives of the men they portrayed and veterans who fought in the battles portrayed in the miniseries.

"These are the guys we're doing it for," said Dale, who plays the late Robert Leckie.

"This is their story. These are the men who have been there."

Mazzello, who plays the late Eugene Sledge, said his grandfather fought in the Pacific, and died during the miniseries' filming.

"Before he died, he got to know that I was going to be doing this and I was going to be honouring men like him," he said.

Seda downplayed comparisons between the two miniseries, saying *The Pacific* shows a different side of war than *Band of Brothers*.

"We're just trying to keep in line with what they started, which was to honour all the men on

both sides, from the Pacific to Europe, and honour all the men who sacrificed," he said.

Sid Phillips, 85, of Mobile, Alabama, who is portrayed by Ashton Holmes in the miniseries, was 17 years old when he fought on Guadalcanal.

He said he was struck by how the miniseries captured what he remembers about the war, including the density and wetness of the jungle.

"War movies are never accurate to war veterans but I think this is maybe the best one I've seen so far," Phillips said.

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Tom Hanks, executive producer, talks to reporters at the red carpet premiere of the new HBO miniseries *The Pacific* in New Orleans, Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

**The Pacific  
airs on HBO  
March 14**

## FRIDAY

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35/10	243	317	3 CFCN	etalk	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer (N)	The Bridge Frank organizes a walkout strike. (N)	CTV News			
	-	-	4 OMNI	King/Queens	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition	Omni News: Cantonese Edition	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Friends	
	-	-	371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Supernanny (N)	20/20 (HDTV) (N)	20/20 (N)	
	245	306	6 CBRT	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)	CBC News: The National	The Hour	
	244	338	7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	NUMB3RS "Grown Up"	X-Weighted "Daniel"	Shark Tank (N)	Shark Tank (N)	News Hour	
	246	-	8 KCAL	Murdoch Mysteries	Murdoch Mysteries	Who Do You Think You Are?	Who Do You Think You Are?	Superannation (N)	Superannation (N)	EP Daily	
	-	-	372 12 KREM	News	Access H.	The Doctors (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium (HDTV) (N)	Medium (HDTV) (N)	NUMB3RS	
	-	-	374 14 KSPS	PBS NewsHour (N)	Washington	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	NOW on PBS	Moment	At Close	
	-	-	370 16 KHO	News (N)	Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune	Who Do You Think You Are?	Dateline NBC "The Desperate Hours" (N)	News	
	-	-	373 22 KAYU	The Office	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	House "The Down Low"	Kitchen Nightmares (PA)	News	
	502	390	15 CBC	CBC News: The National	Love, Hate and Propaganda	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	Love, Hate	
	500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)	CTV News	CTV News	Larry King Live	Larry King Live	Cooper 360	
	501	391	52 CTV	CTV News Tonight	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
	400	400	21 TSN	Basketball	SportsCentre	That's Hockey!	SportsCentre	Off the Record	Boxing Yuriorkis Gamboa vs. Rogers Mtagwa.	Flames, Hour	
	408	418	27 net	NHL Hockey New Jersey Devils at Calgary Flames.	(HDTV) (Live)	That's Hockey!	SportsCentre	Off the Record	Boxing Yuriorkis Gamboa vs. Rogers Mtagwa.	Flames, Hour	
	552	543	20 YTV	iCarly	To Be Indie	Hairspray *** (2007, Musical Comedy) John Travolta, Amanda Bynes.	Eddie's Million Dollar Cook-Off (2003)	Eddie's Million Dollar Cook-Off (2003)	Eddie's Million Dollar Cook-Off (2003)	Eddie's Million Dollar Cook-Off (2003)	
	557	541	39 FAM	Zeke & Luther	Jonas	Sunny Chance	Free Style (2009, Drama) Corbin Bleu.	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	
	603	561	25 FOOD	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	
	615	520	26 A&E	Criminal Minds	(HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds	
	617	522	32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter	Tell Me No Lies (2007, Suspense)	Kelly Rutherford	Kelly Rutherford	Kenny vs.	
	520	505	35 DISC	Man vs. Wild	Man vs. Wild	Machines of Malice	Daily Planet	Man vs. Wild	Man vs. Wild	Dirty Jobs	
	628	584	43 SPIKE	Best of PRIDE Fighting	Best of PRIDE Fighting	Ways to Die	Players (HDTV)	MANswers	MANswers	CSI: Crime Scn	
	522	516	45 HIST	Jobs in the Danger Zone	Anticars Behavior Badly	Nostradamus Effect (HDTV)	Hamburger Hill ** (1987, War)	Hamburger Hill ** (1987, War)	Hamburger Hill ** (1987, War)	Hamburger Hill ** (1987, War)	
	-	-	47 AMC	(6) The Silence of the Lambs (1991)	(6) The Silence of the Lambs (1991)	12 Monkeys *** (1995, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe, Brad Pitt. Premiere.	12 Monkeys *** (1995, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe, Brad Pitt. Premiere.	12 Monkeys *** (1995, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe, Brad Pitt. Premiere.	12 Monkeys *** (1995, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe, Brad Pitt. Premiere.	12 Monkeys *** (1995, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe, Brad Pitt. Premiere.	
	581	566	102 MTV	The Real World	16 and Pregnant	1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	Buried	Buried	16-Pregnant	

## SATURDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
36/10	243	317	3 CFCN	W5 (N) (DVS)	Law & Order (HDTV)	The Bridge Frank organizes a walkout strike. (DVS)	CTV News				
	-	-	4 OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin Edition	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	Rebellion (2009, Crime Drama) Shawn Yue, Elaine Kwong.	Most Amazing	Most Amazing	Castle	
	-	-	371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	At the Oscars	Entertainment Tonight	20/20 (HDTV)	Oprah Winfrey Oscar Special	Oprah Winfrey Oscar Special	Castle	
	245	306	6 CBRT	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Los Angeles Kings. (HDTV) (Live)	Love-Death	G-Spot	News Final (N)	News Final (N)	News Final (N)	
	244	338	7 CICT	renegade press	John Shaw	A Woman's Rage (2008, Suspense)	Brandy Ledford.	Love-Death	G-Spot	News Final (N)	
	246	-	8 KCAL	what's cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	NCIS: Miami	(HDTV)	48 Hours Myst.	
	-	-	372 12 KREM	News	Scrubs	Grey's Anatomy	NCIS: Citywide blackout.	NCIS: Citywide blackout.	NCIS: Citywide blackout.	NCIS: Citywide blackout.	
	-	-	374 14 KSPS	Pat Boone: Love Letters in the Sands of Time	Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles	Parenthood "Pilot"	Parenthood "Pilot"	Parenthood "Pilot"	Parenthood "Pilot"	Parenthood "Pilot"	
	-	-	370 16 KHO	KHQ-News 6	Paid Program	CSI: NY "The Ride-In"	Cops (N)	Cops	Cops	Law & Order	
	-	-	373 22 KAYU	House "House's Head"	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	National	News: At Issue	National	Mansbridge	
	502	390	15 CBC	National	Mansbridge	Princesses of the World	CNN Presents "Scream Bloody Murder" Genocide.	CNN Presents "Scream Bloody Murder" Genocide.	CNN Presents "Scream Bloody Murder" Genocide.	CNN Presents "Scream Bloody Murder" Genocide.	
	500	500	29 CNN	Presents: Scream	Newsroom	Newsroom	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
	501	391	52 CTV	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
	400	400	21 TSN	Curling	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Opening Night. (HDTV)	UEFA Champ. Skating	Saturday Night Poker	Saturday Night Poker	Sportsnet Con.	
	408	418	27 net	Soccer	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	UEFA Champ. Skating	Saturday Night Poker	Saturday Night Poker	Saturday Night Poker	Sportsnet Con.	
	552	543	20 YTV	iCarly	iCarly	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Suite Life	Han. Montana	Michael *** (1996, Drama)	Survive This	
	557	541	39 FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled!	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	Michael *** (1996, Drama)	
	603	561	25 FOOD	Chopped "In a Pinch"	Top Chef Masters	CSI: Miami "Chip/Tuck"	CSI: Miami "Power Trip"	The River Cottage Treatment	Chopped	Chopped	
	615	520	26 A&E	CSI: Miami "Flight Risk"	CSI: Miami "Chip/Tuck"	Slings and Arrows	Lava Storm (2008, Suspense) (HDTV)	Valerie Valois.	I Am Legend	I Am Legend	
	617	522	32 SHOW	I Am Legend	About a Girl	Vermintors (N)	Ghost Lab (N)	Crisis Angel Mindfreak	Destroyed	Destroyed	
	520	505	35 DISC	Dirty Jobs	UFC 89: Bisping vs Leben	UFC: Best of 2009	UFC: Best of 2009	UFC: Best of 2009	UFC: Best of 2009	UFC: Best of 2009	
	628	584	43 SPIKE	UFC 89: Bisping vs Leben	UFC: Best of 2009	Nostradamus Effect (HDTV)	Cities of the Underworld	Black Hawk Down *** (2001, War)	Black Hawk Down *** (2001, War)	Black Hawk Down *** (2001, War)	
	522	516	45 HIST	Anticars Behavior Badly	Nostradamus Effect (HDTV)	Cities of the Underworld	Black Hawk Down *** (2001, War)	Black Hawk Down *** (2001, War)	Black Hawk Down *** (2001, War)	Black Hawk Down *** (2001, War)	
	-	-	47 AMC	(6) The Godfather, Part II **** (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	(6) The Godfather, Part II **** (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	Sex, News-Roll	1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	Peak Season	Peak Season	
	581	566	102 MTV	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	Sex, News-Roll	1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	

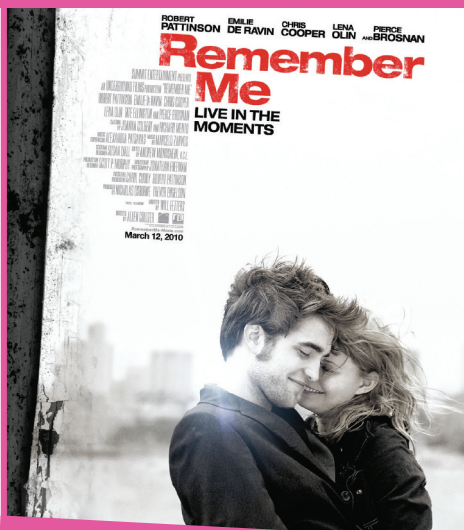
## SUNDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
37/10	243	317	3 CFCN	(6:30) The 82nd Annual Academy Awards (HDTV) (Live)	Aaram (N)	Chardi Kalaa	Bollywood Boulevard	Gulaab 113 (N)	Old Christine	CTV News	
	-	-	4 OMNI	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	
	-	-	371 5 KXLY	(6:30) The 82nd Annual Academy Awards (HDTV) (Live)	Marple: They Do It With Mirrors (2009, Mystery)	Marple: They Do It With Mirrors (2009, Mystery)	Marple: They Do It With Mirrors (2009, Mystery)	Marple: They Do It With Mirrors (2009, Mystery)	Marple: They Do It With Mirrors (2009, Mystery)	Marple: They Do It With Mirrors (2009, Mystery)	
	245	306	6 CBRT	Heartland (N) (DVS)	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	
	244	338	7 CICT	16:9-Picture	American Dad	Survivorman (DVS)	Man Traker (DVS)	Hot Toxic Love-Toxic Avenger	Hot Toxic Love-Toxic Avenger	Hot Toxic Love-Toxic Avenger	
	246	-	8 KCAL	Murdoch Mysteries	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	When Irish Eyes Are Smiling: Irish	When Irish Eyes Are Smiling: Irish	When Irish Eyes Are Smiling: Irish	When Irish Eyes Are Smiling: Irish	When Irish Eyes Are Smiling: Irish	
	-	-	372 12 KREM	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)	When Irish Eyes Are Smiling: Irish	When Irish Eyes Are Smiling: Irish	When Irish Eyes Are Smiling: Irish	When Irish Eyes Are Smiling: Irish	When Irish Eyes Are Smiling: Irish	When Irish Eyes Are Smiling: Irish	
	-	-	374 14 KSPS	Visions of Canada	Wheel-Fortune	Dateline NBC	Til Death	Til Death	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	
	-	-	370 16 KHO	KHQ-News 6	House "House's Head"	Til Death	Til Death	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	
	-	-	373 22 KAYU	House "House's Head"	House "House's Head"	House "House's Head"	House "House's Head"	House "House's Head"	House "House's Head"	House "House's Head"	
	502	390	15 CBC	CBC News: The National	Larry King Live	Newsroom	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
	500	500	29 CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Newsroom	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
	501	391	52 CTV	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
	400	400	21 TSN	Curling	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Closing Night. (HDTV)	Skating FIS Freestyle.	Skating FIS Freestyle.	Skating FIS Freestyle.	Skating FIS Freestyle.	
	408	418	27 net	NHL Hockey: Devils at Oilers	Hairspray *** (2007, Musical Comedy) John Travolta, Nikki Blonsky.	Suite Life	Han. Montana	Michael *** (1996, Drama)	Survive This	Survive This	
	552	543	20 YTV	Sister Act 2	Hairspray *** (2007, Musical Comedy) John Travolta, Nikki Blonsky.	Suite Life	Han. Montana	Michael *** (1996, Drama)	Survive This	Survive This	
	557	541	39 FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled!	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	Michael *** (1996, Drama)	
	603	561	25 FOOD	Iron Chef America	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	
	615	520	26 A&E	Bounty Hunter	Kink in Hair	Cash & Burn "Trust"	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	
	617	522	32 SHOW	I Am Legend	Kink in Hair	Cash & Burn "Trust"	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	
	520	505	35 DISC	(6) To Be Announced	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	
	628	584	43 SPIKE	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Battle 360 (HDTV)	Battle 360 (HDTV)	Battle 360 (HDTV)	Battle 360 (HDTV)	Battle 360 (HDTV)	
	522	516	45 HIST	Battle 360 (HDTV)	Battle 360 (HDTV)	Battle 360 (HDTV)	Battle 360 (HDTV)	Battle 360 (HDTV)	Battle 360 (HDTV)	Battle 360 (HDTV)	
	-	-	47 AMC	(6) GoodFellas **** (1990, Crime Drama)	(6) GoodFellas **** (1990, Crime Drama)	(6) GoodFellas **** (1990, Crime Drama)	(6) GoodFellas **** (1990, Crime Drama)	(6) GoodFellas **** (1990, Crime Drama)	(6) GoodFellas **** (1990, Crime Drama)	(6) GoodFellas **** (1990, Crime Drama)	
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### Television

## Toronto cop inspires gritty crime drama

Sci-fi star Douglas takes lead in The Bridge

In the new cop series *The Bridge*, debuting Friday on CTV and CBS, Aaron Douglas plays a tough police officer turned union head battling top brass and an "old boys' network" as he cleans up the force.

Though the storylines are inspired by the insights of outspoken former Toronto police union head Craig Bromell, the events and characters are purely fictional, he insists.

"My life with the union is very well documented — it's in the public, there's no way around it — so I wanted ... a fictional side to this primarily because it's an international story," Bromell, an executive producer and adviser on the show, said in a recent interview.

"That's what I was trying to get out more than anything is: 'Yeah, I've lived a certain situation, I was quite prominent in law enforcement in this country, but these stories could happen anywhere.'"

Bromell became president of the Toronto Police Association in 1997 at age 37, after a lengthy career on the force. He left his post in 2003 and went on to do a radio show in the city.



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The series title is inspired by a bridge that separates two Toronto neighbourhoods — one wealthy and one low-income — that Bromell's unit patrolled when he was an officer.

Aaron Douglas, a Vancouver native, signed on as the lead, Frank Leo, right after the conclusion of his last series, the heralded sci-fi drama *Battlestar Galactica*.

He said he was drawn to the script because it shows the "real gritty, grimy stuff" in law enforcement.

"So many of the cop shows are that real glorious, glamorous: cops run in and save the day and the bad guys lose."

The police force in the 13-part series isn't set in a particular city.

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Barbara Walters

## Last Oscar special will be my best: Walters

### Hollywood Votes Academy Awards

**INTERVIEWS** Barbara Walters says her last Oscars television special will be her best.

Walters will sit down with actresses Sandra Bullock and Mo'Nique, both nominated for Academy Awards. Bullock is up for Best Actress for *The Blind Side*, and Mo'Nique is nominated for Best Supporting Actress for *Precious*.

Walters said she believes both will win.

By bidding adieu, Walters is ending a 29-year-old tradition of talking to celebrities on Hollywood's biggest night. It wasn't until 1988, though, that she began interviewing nominees.

"For the first seven years we were not allowed to interview any of the nominees because the (Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences) thought it would interfere with their Oscar special," Walters said.

That year she sat down with Glenn Close and Cher, who were contenders for Best Actress. Cher ended up taking the award for her role in *Moonstruck*.

While Walters, 80, is known for getting stars to open up and often tear up on camera, she says the celebrity interview has become less special in recent years and many stars are overexposed.

Just because Walters is stopping her Oscars special doesn't mean she's done with TV.

"I am not retiring!" she insists. "I will still be doing the 10 most fascinating people, I will still be on *The View*, which I love. I will still be doing pieces for ABC News."

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Decidedly Jazz Danceworks put on their yearly, interactive dance-party fundraiser, Possessed: Funk Galactic on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Hotel Arts. Tickets are \$115. Visit [getpossessed.com](http://getpossessed.com) for more details. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Going Out

### Mix of Six

#### 18th Annual \$100 Film Festival

When: Friday & Saturday  
Where: Plaza Theatre  
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#### The Calgary Choice Awards

When: Saturday  
Where: Flames Central  
Enjoy all the Glitz & Glamour of a Hollywood Oscars type of event right here in Calgary.

#### Power of Movement

When: Sunday  
Where: Cardel Place, 11950 Country Village Link NE

On Sunday thousands of Canadians will do yoga to raise funds for critical arthritis research at Power of Movement 2010. A yoga "mega-sessions" will take place at 10 a.m. [powerofmovement.ca](http://powerofmovement.ca).

#### Dine Out Calgary 2010

When: March 5 to 14th

Where: Various locations  
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#### Images of Hope 2010: A Photographic Celebration of IVF

When: Friday  
Where: Hotel Arts  
This year's event promises to be better than ever with all new photographs by a generous group of local professional photographers.

#### Parents' Quest for the Cure - A Plum Affair

When: Saturday  
Where: The Westin  
Give children with cancer a fighting chance by joining in at Parents' Quest for the Cure - A Plum Affair. Entertainment. Auctions. Dancing. Truly an evening fit for a king.

### Entertainment in brief

**FASHION** Linda Lundstrom has bid adieu to her eponymous fashion brand as she embarks on a new career path. The long-time Canadian designer has launched Linda Lundstrom

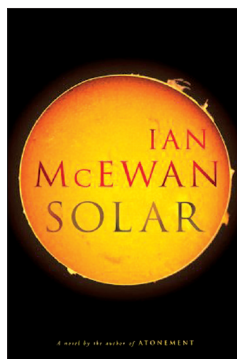
Works, a new consulting company. Lundstrom resigned from Eleventh Floor Apparel last June, according to a release Wednesday.

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### Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

#### 1 Solar by Ian McEwan

**BOOK** In his latest work, the Booker Prize-winning author finds some uncharacteristic comic relief in the serious subject of climate change. The novel revolves around a philandering physicist who by a remarkable turn of events gets to salvage both his own life and the world.



#### 2 82nd Annual Academy Awards

**SHOW** This year's Academy Awards is shaping up to be a battle between James Cameron's Avatar and Kathryn Bigelow's The Hurt Locker. The whole producer-email affair is not helping the indie film's cause but the backstage drama will make for a nailbiting show. The Oscars airs Sunday on CTV at 8 p.m. E.T.

#### 3 Plastic Beach: Gorillaz

**ALBUM** Damon Albarn may be a Blur to most North Americans, but his cartoon alter-egos have been making mega hits this side of the Atlantic over the past decade. The animated band returns with its third album — an irreverent meditation on our environmental follies. Lead single Stylo, with a video featuring Bruce Willis, is already a web smash. Rest of the album sounds great too.

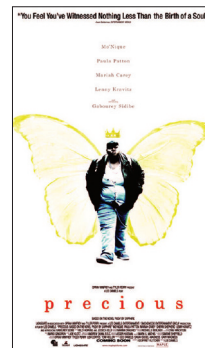


#### 4 Alice in Wonderland

**FILM** Feed your head (and imagination) this week with Hollywood oddball Tim Burton's version of Lewis Carroll's classic tale. Alice is a sprightly teen in this 3-D take and, as we all know by now, Johnny Depp plays The Mad Hatter. Avoid the call of the rabbit hole on your own peril.

#### 5 Precious: Based on the Novel Push by Sapphire

**DVD** A young, illiterate and obese black girl's harrowing journey through abusive home life has picked up plenty of awards and accolades over the last few months. Gabourey Sidibe is spectacular as the titular teen but the much-maligned Mo'Nique is a revelation as her mom from hell. Expect an Oscar for her on Sunday.



#### 6 This Too Shall Pass: OK Go

**VIDEO** Here they go again. After breaking into the world of viral videos and music four years ago, the Chicago-based band is back with another piece of catchy tune-and-filmmaking. This time, they hired engineers to build a huge Rube Goldberg machine whose continuous action syncs with the song. Watch it at [youtube.com/watch?v=qybUFnY7Y8w](http://youtube.com/watch?v=qybUFnY7Y8w)

#### 7 Battlefield: Bad Company 2

**GAME** More wars, more weapons, more shootouts. If you like to charge down enemy lines in a blaze of glory, this new Xbox title puts you in good company.

## Hulu may start charging fees for some videos

**Hulu's days as a free online video site could be ending soon.**

Comedy Central's decision to yank two of the most popular shows on Hulu — The Daily Show and The Colbert Report — in a dispute over splitting ad revenue is the latest blow to the entertainment industry's attempts to make money off ads that run with free video.

Yet Hulu's most viable alternative — charging for access to some videos —

could turn off viewers and crimp the site's explosive growth. Ultimately, the remedy to Hulu's current troubles could leave the site even worse off, a poor shadow of its former self.

Many viewers are drawn to Hulu because of its ease of use, not because they couldn't get much of the same content elsewhere. Hulu's videos simply aren't exclusive enough — compared with, say, Time Warner Inc.'s premium HBO cable channel.

If Hulu charges for a TV show or movie, the viewer could simply watch it over the air live, be more consistent about recording it to view later or catch the program for free through a video-on-demand service offered by cable TV and other providers.

"There are very few people who would be willing to pay for it," said Bruce Leichtman, president of the Leichtman Research Group Inc. in Durham, N.H.

He noted that viewers could simply ask themselves, "Why would I pay for it when I can get it on video on demand?"

Chase Carey, chief operating officer of Hulu co-owner News Corp., has said that the site would have to start charging for some video eventually, though he and other officials have been mum about when that would happen and what aspects would remain free.

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Jon Stewart's The Daily Show was recently dropped from Hulu.

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**Survives hazardous surgery**

Burt Reynolds, 74, is resting at home after undergoing quintuple bypass surgery last week at a Florida hospital, Entertainment Tonight is reporting. He is currently under 24-hour nursing care, popeater.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Celebrity Buzz****Putting away the clubs**

**AND BRINGING ON THE HUGS** Elin Nordegren has reportedly called a truce with Tiger Woods and has agreed to move back into their Florida home, according to Radar Online. Since Woods' philandering went public, Nordegren has been renting another house nearby. The embattled couple were spotted reconciling at Woods' house recently.

"They were in the backyard," a source tells the website. "Tiger kissed Elin on the cheek three times and they hugged."

Also, Woods' caddie claims he's "mad" at his boss — and wants everyone to know that he didn't have a damn thing to do

with Tiger's cheating ways, TMZ.com reports.

Steve Williams — Wood's caddie for 11 years — told New Zealand's 60 Minutes that the scandal has "been the most difficult time of my life, no two ways about it, because every single person believed that I should know or did know or had something to do with it."

Williams added, "I knew nothing, that's my answer. I don't

have to clarify or extend that answer, I knew nothing."

In fact, Williams claims he would have blown the whistle had he known what Woods was up to. Williams told the show that he's still furious with Tiger, saying, "Of course I'm mad at him, why would you not be? I'm close with his wife and he's got two lovely children."

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**Bet he'd like to cut her wire**

**TOPIC OF CONVERSATION: HOW AWESOME AVATAR IS** Jessica Simpson was spotted chatting with The Hurt Locker star Jeremy Renner during a cocktail party for his movie at the L.A. home of Madonna's manager Guy Oseary, people.com reports.

Simpson, who lives

next door, arrived with hairdresser Ken Paves. But she spent most of her time with the Oscar nominee.

"Jeremy spent the night hitting on Jessica like crazy," the source says. "They were really flirting up a storm."

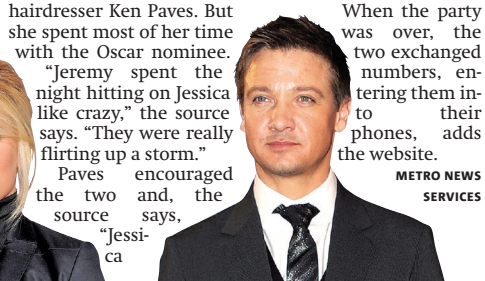
Paves encouraged the two and, the source says,

"Jessica

loved it!"

When the party was over, the two exchanged numbers, entering them into their phones, adds the website.

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**Taking care of family business**

**IS THIS ADMIRABLE OR JUST PLAIN CRAZY?** Donny and Marie Osmond have added several dates to their Las Vegas show to make up for cancelled performances due to the death of Marie's 18-year-old son, people.com reports.

The duo has added five shows between April 13 and 17 at the Flamingo Hotel & Casino.

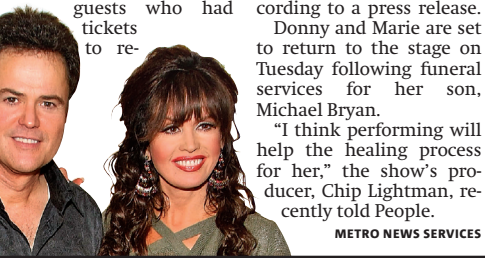
"These were previously unscheduled show dates, added to accommodate guests who had tickets to re-

cently cancelled shows due to the personal tragedy in the Osmond family," according to a press release.

Donny and Marie are set to return to the stage on Tuesday following funeral services for her son, Michael Bryan.

"I think performing will help the healing process for her," the show's producer, Chip Lightman, recently told People.

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**Airing your dirty laundry**

**STEP ONE TO GAINING THE TRUST OF YOUR CHILD** Michael Lohan isn't thrilled with the things daughter Lindsay Lohan has been saying about him in the press.

The actress recently told OK! Magazine her dad is "nuts" and "crying out for help and attention," but Michael says that's not the case.

"Is being concerned for your child and

doing all you can, first privately, then publicly, nuts?" Michael asked Hollyscoop.

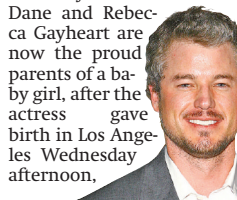
"Anyone and everyone who knows me knows I am far from nuts. As a matter of fact, I am considered quite the opposite."



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**McSteamy to McDaddy**

**LET'S HOPE HE'S BETTER THAN THE ONE ABOVE HIM** Grey's Anatomy star Eric Dane and Rebecca Gayheart are now the proud parents of a baby girl, after the actress gave birth in Los Angeles Wednesday afternoon.



according to Hollyscoop. "They're both over the moon about it," a source says.

Dane recently talked about welcoming a daughter, saying, "It just makes sense that I'm having a girl. I don't know what it is, but I am excited it's a girl."

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**A man with a mission**

**A SPOT BESIDE ONE ÜBER-COOL SIBLING** Leonardo DiCaprio knew exactly where he wanted to sit during a recent night at Teddy's inside the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel — at deejay Samantha Ronson's table.

The actor sported his baseball cap, low over his eyes, and grabbed a seat in between three ladies.

The Shutter Island star was handed drinks and acted very chatty as female clubgoers snapped his picture with their camera phones, people.com reports.



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**It is a film about blue people**

**I MEAN, HE MUST HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOUR** Who knew that James Cameron was such a good sport?

The Avatar director says that he has no problem with skits poking fun at his kinda-sorta-successful movie this year at the Os-

cars, despite a story yesterday claiming Oscar producers yanked a Sacha Baron Cohen skit out of fear of upsetting Cameron.

"If they want to poke fun at Avatar Sunday, that's OK by me," Cameron told E! Online. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

**CelebTweets**

**DEMI MOORE** is bragging about speaking at the U.N., **JOE JONAS** is a Bond fan, **MINDY KALING** discovers life's wonderful secrets, and **J.K. ROWLING** is sorry she can't tweet more often.

**@mrskutcher** Having to stand up and speak in front of a crowd always scary but to do so right before Bill Clinton was a bit nerve wracking!

**@joejonas** Happy Birthday Daniel Craig. Thank you for 41 years of you being you.

**@MindyKaling** um, there's a secret 5-star restaurant at Disney above Pirates of the Caribbean where you can drink? **@iamdiddy** did you know about this?

**@jk\_rowling** This is the real me, but you won't be hearing from me often I am afraid, as pen and paper is my priority at the moment.

**One hairy situation**

**NO RAZOR BURN** Oscar nominee Mo'Nique is happy being hairy. After she showed off her unshaven legs at the Golden Globes, the actress says she has no plans to change her grooming habits, usmagazine.com reports.

"I tried shaving one time, and it was so uncomfortable and painful," she says. "I said never again would I do that to myself. I'm 42, and I'm very hairy."

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**AN INTERNAL ORGAN CONTAINING 4.**

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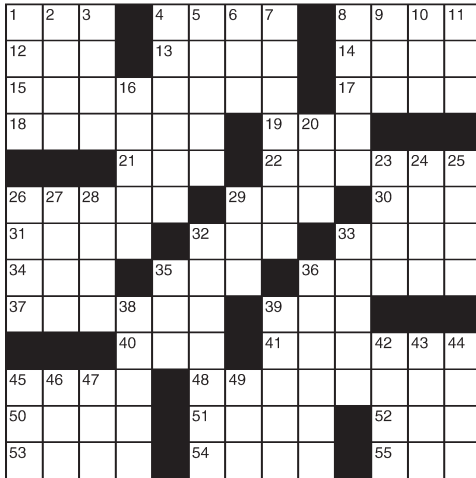
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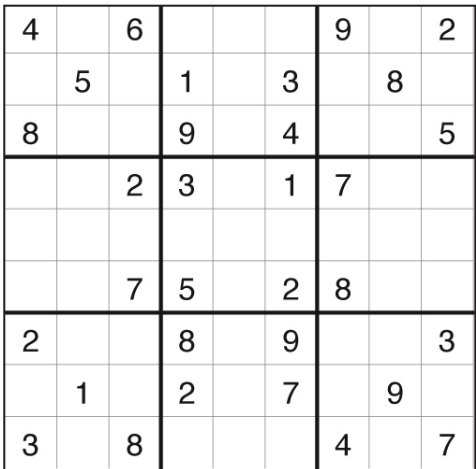
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### Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



### ACROSS

1 Miss Piggy's pronoun  
4 Second-year student  
8 Entreat  
12 Rowing need  
13 Actress  
Spelling  
14 Obey reveille  
15 Unreservedly  
17 "My bad"  
18 Soda shoppe treat  
19 Chick's mama  
21 On in years  
22 Stymie  
26 Leaves out  
29 Proscribe  
30 Peculiar  
31 Bart's sister  
32 Director's cry  
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34 Barn resident  
35 Comedian  
36 Abdomen  
37 Cravat accessory  
39 Drunkard  
40 "I" trouble  
41 Consecrate with oil

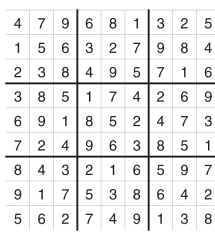
45 Stretched to the limit  
48 Trivial funds  
50 Winnow  
51 "Do — others ..."  
52 Upper bound  
53 Tactic  
54 Card game for three  
55 Mimic

### DOWN

1 Takes blades to blades  
2 Honolulu's home  
3 Unyielding  
4 Plagiarizes  
5 Reacted to fire-works  
6 Expert  
7 Snobbish  
8 Tine  
9 "Flying Down to —"  
10 Venomous viper  
11 "Undeniably"  
16 Parkinson's medication  
20 Many millen-

nia  
23 Implement  
24 Pedestal occupant  
25 Vortex  
26 Coin aperture  
27 New Zealand bird  
28 Capri, e.g.  
29 Annoy  
32 Big star in Carina  
33 Tagalong's remark  
35 Peruke  
36 Witticism  
38 Insignificant  
39 Annual visitor  
42 Bygone Peruvian  
43 Kind of tide  
44 Work at the keyboard  
45 Recipe meas.  
46 Be under the weather  
47 Extraterrestrial's transportation  
49 Squid squirt

### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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## Metro Recipe of the Day



### Hot and Spicy Pepper, Rice and Beans

#### INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil  
1 large onion, chopped  
1 red pepper, chopped  
2 large garlic cloves, crushed  
1 red chili pepper, seeded and chopped  
5 oz (150 g) chorizo, or spicy cured sausage, cubed  
1 1/3 cups (325 ml) basmati rice, rinsed  
14 oz (398 ml) can coconut milk  
2 1/2 cups (600 ml) boiling chicken stock  
2 sprigs of fresh thyme, plus extra to garnish  
1 bay leaf  
14 oz (398 ml) can black-eyed peas, drained

#### METHOD:

1. Heat oil in large, heavy-based pot, and cook onion, pepper, garlic and chili pepper 5 minutes or until just softened.  
2. Add cubed sausage, then rice, and stir-fry 1-2 minutes. Pour in coconut milk and stock. Season and bring to boil. Stir in herbs, then cover and simmer 10 minutes.  
3. Stir in beans and cook 5 minutes or until rice is tender and beans heated through. Serve, sprinkled with little thyme. **SERVES 4**

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### ARIES

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
The Sun in Pisces is not the easiest of influences to deal with, especially as it makes you believe there is something strange going on.

### LIBRA

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
As a cardinal sign you no doubt have high expectations of yourself, but sometimes it is better to sit back and let fate take its course rather than try too hard.

### TAURUS

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
Your prospects will improve dramatically early next week. Before then you must make it your No. 1 aim to rid your life of anything that no longer fits.

### SCORPIO

**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
You may be amused by a friend's antics but don't let it show. Others may not see the funny side.

### GEMINI

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
You seem to believe that something of vital importance is about to be taken away from you.

### SAGITTARIUS

**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
You know something good is going to happen but you want it to happen now, not later. Try to be patient.

### CANCER

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
Make the most of cosmic activity in your fellow Water sign of Pisces to get things done. It does not matter what you do so long as you do something.

### CAPRICORN

**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
There is no need to disguise your feelings or pretend to be something you are not. Express yourself openly over the next 24 hours.

### LEO

**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
You may be in need of a rest but you are unlikely to get it - there is far too much going on in your immediate environment.

### AQUARIUS

**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
If you keep your eyes and ears open today you will discover something that benefits you in ways you can hardly imagine.

### VIRGO

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
Everything happens for a reason, so don't waste time wondering why a certain situation worked out the way it did, just make the best of it.

### PISCES

**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
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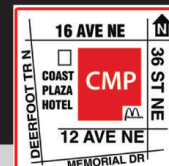
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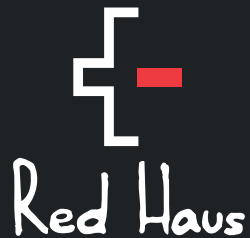
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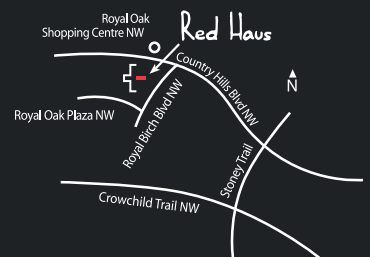
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